

The Broadcast Flag should not be implemented.

1. Such a technology really only effects valid licensed consumers. It takes away their ability to time shift programs. In my case, as I work erratic hours with frequent interruptions, it would completely destroy my ability to watch television.

2. Because current HD recording technology exists that ignores the broadcast flag, the material can still be easily pirated and distributed by determined individuals. Those determined will also be able to find modified equipment which will ignore an restrictions set by the broadcast flag.

3. If HDTV technologies becomes overburdened with restrictions, the advantages that the FCC is trying to promote will be eradicated. Given the extra expense of new equipment already, people will actively resist upgrading their equipment to the new standard.